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Sunday, February 24, 1952.

A meeting this morning at the French Embassy, and the drafting of various papers connected with yesterday's discussions with the French.

I was occupied with this all morning, and had no lunch. At 2.30 with Bill Draper and Gene Beebe I briefed the U.S. newspaper correspondents, the majority of whom were old friends from Paris. Then to the office, where I was occupied until late in the evening. I have contracted a fearful cold and sneeze with startling frequency.

At ten o'clock to-night, I went to the British Embassy where Eden, Schuman, Acheson and their aides pondered over Adenauer's reply on the subject of a German financial contribution. He substantially accepted the Wise Men's figures, but in language so ungraceful and tortuous as to be unsatisfactory and unpalatable. His proposal, with a rewording of language, was accepted, and a working party went into seclusion to draft the appropriate papers.

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I had been in the late afternoon to see Georges Bidault.

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